

REMARKS

The Action has been received and reviewed. Claims 1 through 3, 7 through 10, 12, 13, 16 through 20 and 22 through 27 are pending herein. Claim 1 is amended herein and claims 24 through 27 are cancelled. Claims 28 through 32 are added. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of claims 1 through 3, 7 through 10, 12, 13, 16 through 20, 22, 23, and 28 through 31 as amended and the allowance of the pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's notification that claims 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant amends independent claim 1 to include the recitations of dependent claims 24 and 26, thereby rewriting claim 1 in an independent form which is allowable. Claims 2, 3, 7 through 10, 12, 13, 16 through 20 and 22 through 27 are also allowable.

New claim 28 includes the recitations of independent claim 1 and dependent claims 24 and 27 which recitations have been indicated to be allowable; claim 28 is therefore allowable. Claims 29 through 31 depend from claim 28 and are allowable as dependent claims thereof.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Anticipation Rejections

The anticipation rejections are moot in view of the amendment to claim 1 based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter which recitations are included in amended independent claim 1.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Obviousness Rejections

The obviousness rejections are moot in view of the amendment to claim 1 based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter which recitations are included in amended independent claim 1.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to claim 1 herein and the addition of claims 28 through 32 should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application. Applicant is filing herewith the necessary fee for the additional independent claim, claim 28.

The amendments and inclusion of new claims are made to advance the allowable subject matter to issuance in a timely manner. Applicant in no way waives any rights to the filing of a continuation or divisional application related to the subject matter of the original claims or rejected subject matter in the Action.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1 through 3, 7 through 10, 12, 13, 16 through 20, 22, 23, and 28 through 31 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully submitted. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues exist which might be resolved by a telephone conference, they are respectfully invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account Number 13-2500. Applicant is a large entity.

Respectfully Submitted,

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